

# MANNINGTON NEWS

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## CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR NEEDY ONES

Will Give Christmas Baskets to Many Indigent Families.

MANNINGTON, Dec. 21.—Subscription papers for the fund to provide Christmas baskets for the needy in Mannington District were placed in Snodgrass and Moore and R. J. Clarkson's stores yesterday, and subscriptions to the fund will be received by the committee of which Ray Magee is chairman.

The distribution of baskets this year has been placed in the hands of the American Legion, and a committee from the Kiwanis Club will assist in the work. This committee is working in conjunction with the Red Cross too and will be able to check up the various cases with a greater degree of success than last year it is said.

Arrangements have been made with a local merchant who has agreed to furnish the groceries needed at cost plus the freight charges, and with the foodstuffs donated by others it is hoped to give a hundred baskets if that many are needed.

It has been suggested by the committee that people who do not desire to give money for this purpose may if they would rather give canned foods, potatoes or other foodstuffs. Donations of these supplies will be received at Snodgrass and Moore's or R. J. Clarkson's or the committee will call and get them. Subscriptions of money will be gratefully received in any amount.

In a few cases last year it is said families who did not really need baskets were aided in this manner. The system of checking will prevent any recurrence of this condition this year, it is claimed. The committee is already at work checking up on the cases already reported, and more will be ready by Saturday, when all the donations are supposed to be in.

The first subscriptions were made by the local chapter of the Red Cross and the Elks Lodge. The Red Cross gave \$25, and the Elks \$50. An effort was made to have the Moose Lodge contribute, but it was voted to conduct their share of the work from within the order. However, it is believed other local organizations will assist.

## JUNIOR HI SCHOOL RENDERS PROGRAM

Presentation of School Gongs Feature Entertainment This Afternoon.

MANNINGTON, Dec. 21.—Special Christmas music and recitations and readings featured the entertainment given at the Junior High School this afternoon at 2:45. The electric gongs, which were made possible by the play given recently, were also presented to the school.

The music included selections by the girls' quartet and the boys' quartet, besides a splendid program by the Junior High School Orchestra. Piano solos and songs by the students of the school were given prominent places.

After the musical program, which was under the direction of Miss Gail Wilbur, music director of the city schools, a short entertainment consisting of recitations, original stories, and other features was given.

The presentation of the electric gongs was made by Miss Genevieve Davis, of the 8-A grade, Laurie Weed, of the 8-B grade, made the address of acceptance for the school.

There are five of the gongs, one for each room, besides one larger one for the main hall. Each of these bells may be operated from the principal's room.

This program was under the direction of Miss Gladys Snyder, and was presented in a manner to draw approval from the friends of the school who were present.

## GLOVER GAP

School Program. High school pupils will give a program in the Glover Gap School Building this evening at 8 o'clock, all the numbers carrying out the spirit of Christmas. The program will consist of recitations, songs, readings and special music. The children have been trained by their teacher, Mr. Robey.

Persons. Miss Clara Price, Miss Stacie Morris, Miss Ethel Murtaugh, Miss Alice Morris, Mrs. George Phillips, Mrs. J. F. Hinerman, and Mrs. B. C. Vandergift were shopping in Mannington Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Cathers of Hundred is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. Sellers, in Glover Gap this week.

Mrs. A. J. Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Vost, Mrs. Ash Hibbs, Mrs. George Matthews, Mrs. Elwood Metz, and Edward Price were shopping in Mannington last evening.

## Mannington Society

Junior Party. William Johnson entertained a number of his friends at the home of his mother in Water street last evening, at dancing and games. A dainty course of refreshments was served the guests at a late hour.

Dinner Party. Mrs. Ray Beamus entertained at a dinner party given at her home in East High street last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Davis and Mrs. Frank Davis of Clarksburg. Covers were laid for eight.

Home for Holidays. The holidays give promise of many interesting and enjoyable social events, as many of the young folks of the city are home for the Christmas vacation, and will attend many dances and parties already scheduled.

Some of those who have already returned are Claire Hess, Lester Hess, John Ryan, Edwin McCarnes, "Tally" Huey, Paul Stewart, Edward Hunter, and Claude Kendall from West Virginia; Paul Masters from Waynesburg College; Miss Anna Batson, Miss Myrtle Magee, Miss Elizabeth Clancy, and Miss Katherine Fitzgerald from Fairmont Normal; Miss Mildred Drake from Hood College at Fredericksburg, Md.; Miss Virginia Martin from Lutherville College; Miss Gladys Haught, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Gladys Boddow, Miss Edith Charlton, Miss Emma Robey, Dick Arnett, Audrey Arnett, and Robert Eastman, all from West Virginia Wesleyan; Miss Sarah Furber from Marshall College; Miss Marian Baker from Bethany; Miss Lucille Clutter from Battle Creek, Mich.; Miss Brookside Robinson from Beechwood Seminary.

Elks Dance. Local Elks will give a dance in the lodge room tomorrow night, and have secured the services of the Premier Five Orchestra to furnish the music.

The local orchestra has pleased the public with the music it has furnished this year, and has recently added two members to the organization which, it is believed, will make it even more popular. Tomorrow night the players will be Daugherty, R. Furber, H. Furber, Thomas, Stillings, Phillips and S. Gould.

## Round About Town

About Basketball. The basketball season officially opens in Mannington High tonight. Parsons comes here with a good record, and will have already played several games this year, while Mannington has played none. However, it is not believed this will be a handicap for the green and white players, since Coach C. G. Blake has been putting his men through some pretty stiff sessions, and things look bright for a successful year.

The game will start promptly at 7:30, and a great crowd of townspeople are expected to come out and give some of the same hearty support they always show.

Students Home. Miss Marian Baker is home from Bethany College, and visited the high school Tuesday. "Dick" Arnett of Wesleyan is also home for the holiday season.

Miss Neva Monroe, Ed McCarries, Paul Stewart, Lester Hess, John Ryan, James Spencer, Claire Hess, Claude Kendall and Miss Veda Ely have all returned from West Virginia University to spend the Christmas vacation at their homes.

Miss Virginia Martin is home from Lutherville, Md., where she has been attending Hood College.

Miss Amy Williams and Miss Blanch Peters will return this week from Elliott Business College, Wheeling, to spend their vacation at their homes in this city.

Sam Clark, commercial teacher in the local high school, will leave this week for his home in Belmont, Miss., and Miss Gail Wilbur, music supervisor, will leave Friday evening for her home in Waterloo, Iowa. Miss Alice Peterson will leave Saturday for her home in Adrian, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Spruise will spend the vacation period at their respective homes in Georgetown and Circleville, Ohio. Miss Helen Potter will spend her vacation at her home in West Union, W. Va.

Miss Clara Peoples will leave Friday for her home in Cameron, where she will remain until school begins again at the close of the holidays.

Christmas Program. An interesting Christmas program has been outlined by the high school for Friday afternoon, as follows:

Selections by the orchestra; "Cross Questioning Santa Claus," Miss Kathleen VanZandt; song, "Birthday of a King," by the Boy's Glee Club; scripture reading, "To Victory," by the Girls' Glee Club; story, "The Other Wise Man," Miss Lillian Hurd; song, "Nazareth," mixed chorus; reading, Miss Berenice Holland; selections by the orchestra; song, "Silent Night," by the audience.

The committee has also arranged to have a Christmas tree, and it is believed that Santa will arrive to present. Presents and cards will be given from the tree. The program will start at 7:30 and will last about an hour. Parents and friends who desire to attend will be cordially welcomed.

No classes will be held after the closing number on the program.

## SANTA WILL BE AT SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Schools and Churches Join in Observing Holiday Spirit.

MANNINGTON, Dec. 21.—Entertainments will feature the next three or four days in Mannington, and programs will be given by the various churches as well as the schools.

Tomorrow afternoon the high school students will render a short program, and the grades in the Central School have prepared short entertainments for that afternoon. Two or more of the grades will go together, giving their programs jointly. The high school affair is public, and Superintendent D. C. Tabler is expecting a large number of patrons to be present.

The grades in the Episcopal Church will also present an extensive program Friday afternoon at 2:30, under the direction of Miss Gwendolyn Hanley and Miss Sarah Gaughan.

In the churches special effort will be made to emphasize the Christmas spirit, and programs will be given in the Christian, Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian churches Friday evening. Christmas trees will be hung with presents in the churches, and Santa Claus is expected to visit each one.

Special Christmas musical programs are being prepared for each of the local churches on Sunday morning. These programs will consist of cantatas and will occupy most of the morning or evening periods, it is said.

St. Patrick's Church is preparing a program to be given Christmas morning. The music for this occasion will be rendered by the children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. B. J. Allison and Mrs. Clarence Jones.

## Mannington Personals

Miss Melissa Patterson, a teacher in the high school, will leave Friday for her home in Waynesburg, Pa. where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Brookside Robinson was shopping in Fairmont yesterday. James Hart, of the J. P. Hart Produce Co., of Fairmont was a business visitor in Mannington yesterday.

Miss Edna Scott, a teacher in the local high school, will leave Friday to spend the holidays at her home in Homer City, Pa.

Miss Marian Shaw and Miss Virginia Shaw are expected home Friday evening to spend the holidays.

Mrs. T. J. Jones, Mrs. G. T. Hennen, Mrs. C. G. Blake, and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hamilton motored to Fairmont Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. M. F. Hamilton returned last evening from Berkeley Springs and other points east.

Miss Ora Leatherman, a teacher in the local schools, will leave Friday evening to spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Clarksburg.

Miss Pearl Snodgrass is again able to be out after illness lasting several days.

Mrs. Lawrence Beatty has returned home after spending several days shopping in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. R. M. Hite and Miss Lena Prichard were shopping in Fairmont yesterday.

Miss Dorothy Connelly was a business visitor in Fairmont yesterday.

Ray Magee, Mrs. Frank Magee, and Mrs. E. C. McCarnes motored to Fairmont yesterday. Miss Myrtle Magee, who is attending Fairmont Normal, returned with them.

Everett Hartman was a business visitor in Fairmont yesterday.

Walter Price spent last evening in this city with his parents.

Thomas Allen was a business visitor in Fairmont yesterday.

Albie Atha and D. T. Youker were in Fairmont on business yesterday.

Mrs. Glenn Norman, Miss Faye Meade, and Miss Mary Mann motored to Fairmont to do some shopping last evening.

Mrs. Albie C. Atha is shopping in Fairmont today.

Mrs. "Bob" Burt, Mrs. A. M. Burt, and Mrs. Caleb Burt were shopping in Fairmont yesterday.

J. R. Burt was a business visitor in Wheeling yesterday.

Mrs. James Phillips, Mrs. F. B. Shortly, and Mrs. C. C. Basnett were in Fairmont on business yesterday afternoon.

E. F. Patterson is expected home from Tulsa, Okla., to spend the holidays in this city.

Mrs. Day Weaver is quite ill at her home in Locust street.

contracted pneumonia and is now dangerously ill. Miss Grace Kerr is very ill at her home in Houghtown.

Mrs. Howard Long was shopping in Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

## WOMAN'S CLUB CENSORSHIP

Criticism and comment on the attractions at the local theaters appearing in this column are furnished by the woman's club of Fairmont. The West Virginian does not assume any responsibility for the opinions expressed.

—The Editor.

## The Dixie.

"Bought and Paid For," showing for the last times today at the Dixie, is the story of a man who thought he "could take a drink or let it alone," just as many a man has boasted he could do, but he did not know himself as well as he thought he did, and the habit became his master.

He was a man of wealth, who had married a poor but high principled girl who refused to follow the pace set by her dissolute husband.

There is no attempt to cover up the weaknesses of the man, who becomes a brute when under the influence of liquor, and thoroughly disgusting at times, and while it might have a tendency to make girls move careful in selecting a husband—choosing character rather than riches—if she cannot find one in which both are combined—and men seeing the result of dissipation might profit by the example of the husband as played by Jack Holt, it is pretty strong at times.

And again we wish that we might have pictured more lives that have achieved success because of right living than those who sow wild oats and reap the harvest.

This is not a picture that children should see, for it is only for adult minds who could absorb the lesson intended.

News and comedy completes the program.

## The Princess

As "Forget-Me-Not" showing at the Princess for the last times today is a story about orphans, part of the receipts of the picture are to be given to orphan asylums throughout the country, we are told.

A baby has been left in a home for foundlings and the mother, who has never been quite happy since giving up her child, years later adopts a boy, even though strongly attracted toward her own little girl whom she fails to recognize. An old musician gives the girl a home, and the orphans are separated for years, but in the end are reunited in a romance.

It is a story in which there is much sentiment and many touching scenes that stir the emotions, and the acting of Bessie Love and Garret make it very real, and intensely human.

## The Nelson

John Gilbert who is seen in the leading role of "The Love Gambler" at the Nelson today is an earnest convincing young actor who has in this picture a part that fits him perfectly.

It is a romantic story—as the title indicates—in which the principals are a very confident young chap who first attracts the attention of the girl in question by his assurance in handling matters that she considers no concern of his, and the girl as played by Carmel Meyers, who is tamed by love.

Mr. Gilbert as the care free youth, Dick Manners, is the type that stands up for what he believes to be right, and in defense of the weak, both qualities must be admired both upon the screen and in real life.

The added feature is a comedy.

## HUNDRED

Doll Show. The sewing class of the Hundred High School gave an interesting exhibition of dolls at the high school building yesterday and today. The doll clothes showed the ability of the girls in this class, and many patrons expressed surprise at the daintiness of work on some of the costumes.

Nearly thirty dolls were displayed, the dresses of each having been made for the purpose of giving them as Christmas presents.

Agriculture Class. Members of the vocational agriculture class are fattening poultry for the holiday season. They have forty chickens under their care, and will later dress these, selling them to patrons of the school for Christmas dinners.

FOUND. Pair of horn-rim eye glasses. Owner may have same by inquiring at office of THE WEST VIRGINIAN, in Mannington and paying for this ad.

We Do Pressing —not cheaper but better

Heinze & Co. "Woolen Mills, Tailoring Co." A. L. Jepsen, Apt. Mannington, W. Va.

The class will receive thirty-four cents a pound for the poultry. Poultry fattened on milk products are said to be greatly superior to those fattened by other methods, and the pupils expect to find it easy to dispose of them all.

Skating Party. An enjoyable skating party was held at the Kirkhart Skating Rink last evening. Music was furnished by the Hundred Orchestra, and many out of town people attended.

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